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**PATENT**

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In re application of: David G. Lamphere, Thomas D. Headley

Application No.: 09/733,624

Group No.: 2412

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Examiner: Sorkin, D.

For: Shaped Diaphragm for a Centrifuge System Rotor

**RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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## STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

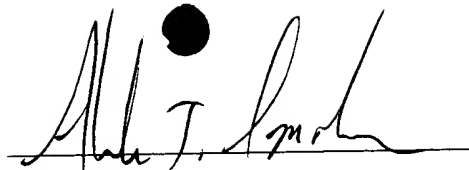
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Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Addit Fee
Total	6	Minus	20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
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					Total Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.  
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